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"(d) By 'regular Officer' the hon. Member apparently means an Officer who has not attained the age of superannuation. The suggestion has been considered carefully, but the Government think that the present arrangement is quite satisfactory."

Listed posts reserved for the members of the Provincial Service.

* 28 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, in the number of listed posts reserved for the members of Madras Service, posts of District Judges were also included;

(*b*) whether, in the new set-up, such reservation is maintained;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what the number of listed posts is and how many are reserved for the members of the Judicial Service; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, whether it is proposed to treat the Madras Judicial Service as distinct from the Indian Administrative Service?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) In the I.C.S. 12 listed posts were reserved for members of the Madras Subordinate Civil Judicial Services or members of the Bar.

" (*b*) No. The Indian Administrative Service which has taken the place of the I.C.S. is confined only to the executive side.

" (*c*) Does not arise.

" (*d*) Yes."

Lease of Hope Timber Syndicate.

* 29 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state with reference to the answers given on 8th March 1949 to the Question No. 237 and the supplementary questions whether the Government have examined the terms of the lease of Hope Timber Syndicate, with a view to terminate it, in view of the loss to public revenues?

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" Since answering the question referred to by the hon'ble Member the rates payable by the Hope Timber Syndicate for the timber extracted by it have been revised, and fixed with reference to the prevailing market rates. The question of terminating the contract with a view to avert loss of public revenue, therefore, does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the revised rates have been accepted by the Syndicate? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" They have been accepted under protest."

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Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Do the terms of the contract permit the Government to impose such rates as are current from time to time? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" It is under the contract that the rates have been revised."

Industrial development of Rayalaseema.

12-30 p.m. * 30 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the industries proposed to be started in Rayalaseema according to the Post-war Development plan;

(*b*) what the prospects, if any, are for private enterprise coming forward to start them;

(*c*) whether the Government have under consideration any plan for industrial development in this backward area; and

(*d*) whether the question of starting industries as State enterprises has at any time been considered?

The Hon. Sri C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" (*a*) Vanaspathi, textiles, sugar, power alcohol, cement and iron and steel.

" (*b*) The setting up of these industries except iron and steel has been left entirely to private enterprise and the Government hope that private enterprise may succeed in establishing these industries.

" (*c*) In the Post-war plans for the industrialization of the Province, due consideration has been given to the development of all areas including Rayalaseema.

" (*d*) In view of the answer to clause (*b*) this does not arise."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is not the Government aware, Sir, that vanaspathi is considered to be a product deleterious to public health and articles thereon have appeared in the *Harijan* and, if so, why encouragement is being given for the promotion of the vanaspathi mills? "

The Hon. Sri C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" It finds a place under the Post-war Development Schemes; a separate question may be put."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if it is a fact, that the only vanaspathi factory in the Rayalaseema area applied to the Government for State aid and it has been refused? "

The Hon. Sri C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" I have no information; if a separate question is put, I will answer."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Recommendations of the Provincial Housing Committee.

1 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to place on the table of the House the decisions of the Government on the various recommendations of the Provincial Housing Committee?